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## Harford County Community Mediation Program Honors 2015 Volunteer of the Year

**BEL AIR, Md.,** (July 7, 2015) - The Harford County Community Mediation Program recently recognized Denise Sconion as its 2015 Volunteer of the Year at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual gala held by Community Mediation Maryland.

Ms. Sconion was honored for her diligent volunteer efforts in the Harford County Community Mediation Program (HCCMP), which operates under the county Department of Community Services.

Over the past eight years, Ms. Sconion has served as an HCCMP outreach volunteer, mentor and mediator. She has promoted conflict resolution through countless outreach events, including speaking to Havre de Grace Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade students about handling peer pressure. Her guidance and gentle spirit, along with her ability to see a need and rise to the occasion, have made her an invaluable asset to the program.

HCCMP offers mediation and facilitation services at no charge to the citizens of Harford County. Mediation provides a viable alternative to court, which can be time consuming, costly and often fails to resolve the underlying reasons for conflict. HCCMP helps individuals resolve their conflicts in a safe neutral setting, allowing participants to freely disclose information without fear of being judged.

Community Mediation Maryland (CMM) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase access to collaborative conflict resolution. CMM provides training, support, and program development for 18 programs statewide, including the Harford County program.



Pictured L-R: Tracie Young, Harford County Mediation Program commission member; Denise Sconion, 2015 Harford County Dept. of Community Services Volunteer of the Year; and Susan Fisher, Harford County Mediation Program coordinator.

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